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REMARKS

This is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed April 25, 2002. Applicant has hereby amended the specification, cancelled Claims 35-58 and added new Claims 59-69. Thus, Claims 59-69 are pending in this application.

The specific changes to the specification are shown on a separate page attached hereto and entitled **VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**, which follows the signature page of this Response. On this page, any insertions are underlined while any [deletions are in square brackets].

A clean copy of the pending claims is attached hereto on a separate set of pages and entitled **CLEAN COPY OF PENDING CLAIMS**, which also follows the signature page of this Response.

SPECIFICATION

Applicant has amended the specification to contain a specific reference to an earlier filed application as required under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121. The Examiner's approval and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

CLAIM 59

Claim 59 is substantially the same as original Claim 45 rewritten in independent form which the Examiner had indicated as being allowable. Claims 60-64 depend from Claim 59. Therefore, Applicant submits that Claims 59-64 are in condition for allowance.

CLAIM 65

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Mitchell and his Supervisor for the telephonic interview extended to Applicant's counsel of record, John R. King, on July 26, 2002. During the interview, Applicant's counsel of record presented reasons for the patentability of original Claim 50 which set forth a central cavity 46 in the substrate units 24. These cavities 46 are shown clearly, for example, in FIGS. 2 and 3 of the present application. The Examiner's agreed to review this further on filing of a formal Response by the Applicant.

Accordingly, new Claim 65 has been added which is substantially the same as original Claim 50 rewritten in independent form. Claim 65 sets forth a method of processing semiconductor dies and recites, among other things, forming a central cavity in each of the substrate units. None of the cited references disclose, teach or suggest a central cavity as set forth in Applicant's Claim 65. Thus, it is believed that Claim 65 is patentably distinguished over the cited references. Claims 66-69 depend from Claim 65. Therefore, Applicant submits that Claims 65-69 are in condition for allowance.

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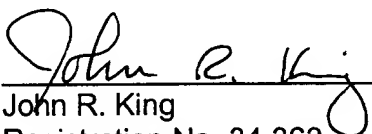
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If further issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned such that any remaining issues may be promptly resolved. Also, please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, immediately after the title, the following has been inserted:

Related Application

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/389,720, filed September 3, 1999.